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Summary

Main Features

1996 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING FACT SHEET 13 POSTAL AREA ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVES

Postal Areas are formed by aggregating whole collection districts (CDs) that fall within the physical boundaries of a postcode on a best fit basis. This series excludes non-mappable Australia Post postcodes e.g. post office box only postcodes, some postcodes which are delivery routes which are also covered by other postcodes (a situation which often occurs in rural areas), and some postcodes which, because of the application of the 'best fit' principle, do not get a CD allocated to them.

When creating Postal Areas it is sometimes difficult to match CDs to Australia Post Postcodes. This is primarily because post codes are designed to distribute mail and not for disseminating statistics. This fact causes a number of problems in generating POAs. The problems encountered when choosing which CDs belonged in which postcodes when generating the POA classification included:

- 1) where Postcodes did not match with CD boundaries (quite common);
- 2) where the area covered by Postcodes overlapped. For example, a person may live in a particular postcode but may collect their mail from a post box with a different postcode or have special arrangements with Post Offices for mail delivery (common in rural areas); and
- 3) where detailed, up to date post code information was not readily available.

Since the initial release of POAs, more up to date information has been received which can make the CD/POA concordance much clearer. The listing below is provided for clients information. It shows those CDs that were allocated to a particular 1996 Census POA as well as showing an alternative Postal Area that the CD could have been allocated to. Standard census statistical output are only available for 1996 Census POAs and not on this alternative listing.

State Code	CD Code	1996 POA	Altern. POA
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1	230102	2330	2756
1	331111	2330	2150
1	130205	2337	2333
1	041006	2396	2356
1	041007	2396	2388
1	141206	2583	2797
1	151710	2583	2808
1	170501	2620	2611
1	161305	2644	2642
1	020903	2648	2879
1	011404	2669	2681
1	011201	2700	2707
1	011306	2700	2706
1	151508	2722	2726
1	040808	2844	2842
1	010401	2877	2675
1	111308	2301	2318
1	111401	2301	2318
1	111402	2301	2316
1	111403	2301	2316
1	111404	2301	2316
1	111405	2301	2316
1	111406	2301	2316
1	111410	2301	2316
1	111413	2301	2316
1	111414	2301	2316
1	111501	2301	2319
1	111502	2301	2319
1	111503	2301	2319
1	111504	2301	2319
1	111505	2301	2319
1	111506	2301	2319

1	111507	2301	2319
1	111508	2301	2319
1	111509	2301	2319
1	111510	2301	2319
1	111511	2301	2319
1	111512	2301	2319
1	111602	2301	2315
1	111603	2301	2315
1	111605	2301	2315
1	111606	2301	2315
1	111610	2301	2315
1	111901	2301	2318
1	111904	2301	2318
1	111905	2301	2318
1	111906	2301	2318
1	111907	2301	2318
1	111908	2301	2318
1	111909	2301	2318
1	112001	2301	2317
1	112002	2301	2317
1	112003	2301	2317
1	112004	2301	2317
1	112005	2301	2317
1	112006	2301	2317
1	112007	2301	2317
1	112008	2301	2317
1	112009	2301	2317
1	120201	2301	2278
1	120202	2301	2278
1	120209	2301	2278
1	120212	2301	2278
1	120301	2301	2278

1	120311	2301	2278
1	021503	2838	2839
1	021505	2838	2839
1	021506	2838	2839
2	032103	3740	3737
2	041603	3875	3858
2	041602	3875	3854
5	061913	6230	6232
5	061911	6230	6232
5	061910	6230	6232
5	061908	6230	6232
5	061907	6230	6232
5	061902	6230	6232
5	030609	6085	6065

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